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LAMPS THAT FAIL.

Mtt.25:8"Our lamps are going out."

INTRO. The startling discovery of the five foolish virgins. This the focal point of the whole parable.

I might entertain you with a description of the wedding- we all like that-how the maidens were dressed and bejeweled, the gay procession, the lighted mansion the wedding festivities. But Jesus did'nt tell the parable for entertainment purpose, neither ought I so to use it.

The parable was given by X to caution the disciples to be always ready for the coming of the Lord, whose coming noone knew save the Father in heave

All ten virgins expect to meet the bridegroom when but when he comes, five of them, in the crucial hour, find that their lamps are going out.

Nor is it with reference to the coming of Christ that I wish to consider our text, but rather in application of the principle involved with reference to our lives.

//I// There are some lamps that seem to shine as brightly as others, but when the hour of need arises they go out.

I. Such is the lamp of empty profession.

Great throngs listen to gifted evangelists and multitudes are moved to begin a new life. and we thank God for it. But we cannot conclude that all who thus confess sin and profess conversion have as yet won complete salvation. How many lamps have we seen, burning bright with profession, die out, long before the coming of the bridegroom.

Some go to the altar because their friends urge them.
Some are carried away by the forceful appeal
Others by the contagion of numbers
And perhaps all of them are longing to share the blessings of Xn living.

But none of these professions will continue to shine unless the grace of God enters the heart to awaken genuine faith, repentance, renewal and obedience.

"Not everyone that saith unto me,"Lord, Lord"

II. The lamp of shallow religious experience.

Many professing Xns, members in the church, have accepte Xn teachings but have never felt the power of these teachings in their own lives. Theirs is a conventional piety, theirs are current beliefs, not made their own

thruthinking thinhs thru for themselves.
Consequently as the years go by instead of growing in Xn grace, they retrograde. They feel less and less the restraints of religion. Their habits become more loose. Their interest grows less and less in the Bible, in the church, in prayer and service. Lamps going out. Unprepared for Christ's appearing.

III. The lamp of false teachings.

Many dangerous opinions current in society. Man is always making his own God, trying ever to substitute for the real God of creative intelligence, of law and order, the God of sacrifice and mercy and forgiveness the God of Truth Goodness and Love. When one turns to teachings that do away withthe Christ of the Cross, teachings that ignore his example and deny his forgiveness of our sins and the kindling of our spirits with the ~~Spirit/of~~ Divine Spirit, the flame that once kindled in his heart the spark of never-dying love will go out for him and himself will become a light that will fail to burn in his hour of greatest need.

Our text has even a broader application than I have given it thus far.

We all want the good things of life. Success and happiness, etc. We are like the 10 virgins waiting for the bridegroom to come. But some get out of life more than do the others because they have the better prepared themselves, they have not failed to provide sufficient oil for the realization of their expectations

There are three things that keep many from filling their lamps with the necessary oil.

Laziness Procrastination. Lack of will.